

# TRAINING OFFICERS FOR NEW REGIMENTS

Special to the Bonanza.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Army building plans of the administration are to be supplemented at once by the establishment at many points throughout the country of civilian training camps for officers. The great need of the war army to be raised will be properly equipped officers, and the war department has decided to adopt the Plattsburg idea on a nationwide scale. Arrangements for the camps already are being made and civilians desirous of fitting themselves for commissions in the officers' reserve corps may apply now to departmental commanders for assignment to them. The number of camps to be set up will depend upon the number of applications received.

A course of three months' vigorous training will be given the prospective officers, who will be organized into companies or larger units and go through all the drills and exercises of enlisted men, supplemented by lecture courses as to the duties of officers. The qualities displayed by men undergoing this training will determine whether they are suited to army life and also the rank in the reserve corps which they are qualified to hold. Commissions will be issued at the conclusion of the training period to those accepted, who will be assigned to units of the regular army, national guard or the first contingent of troops to be raised under the draft plan.

The scheme is designed particularly to meet the requirements of civilians who have had no military experience and who are too old to enter the second lieutenant grade of the reserve corps, but are otherwise qualified by education and capacity to become officers.

The department has suspended the regulation limiting new enlistment in the regular army to men not more than 35 years of age. This was made possible by the declaration against Germany. Under existing law men not more than 45 years of age could be accepted, but to conform to the administration's army bill the maximum age now has been set at 40 years.

The present authorized strength of the regulars soon will be reached at the present rate of enlistment. Including all combatant and non-combatant troops and unassigned recruits, this would mean a total of 138,000 enlisted men. Until the president so directs the regiments cannot be brought up to war strength or additional regiments be

organized. It is apparent that the administration is not inclined to take this step until Congress has acted on the new army bill.

An exception will be made in the case of regiments of negro troops, some of which already are over the authorized peace strength. They will be filled from waiting lists to full war time strength. Recruiting for other regiments also will be prosecuted vigorously. It is indicated, as the process of assembling, equipping and assigning recruits takes some time and it is expected Congress will have acted before any considerable number in excess of authorized strength may be ready to join their regiments.

## MUNITIONS BOARD FULLY ORGANIZED

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(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Creation of a general munitions board is announced by the council of national defense. It will be headed by Frank S. Scott, a Cleveland manufacturer and will be charged with supplying the army and navy with munitions and equipment. One of its chief functions will be to decide between the country's military and industrial needs.

The board's establishment puts into the hands of a group of army and navy officers and industrial leaders virtually the same task given the British minister of munitions. It creates machinery for a government department of munitions with its head a cabinet minister. If conduct of the war brings the need.

Mr. Scott is one of the country's leading experts on munitions production. Other civilian members have had much to do with supplying the allies with supplies.

The board will be expected to equip and arm forces called into service with the least possible disturbance of normal industrial conditions or interference with shipments to the entente allies.

The Kaiser has gone home with a chill and the allies for the first time are ready to say to him, "Shake!"—Waco Times-Herald.

# ATTITUDE OF THE LATIN NATIONS IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Much of the uncertainty as to Latin-America's attitude in the war between the United States and Germany was cleared away by definite advices that Chile and Mexico will remain neutral and increasing indications that Brazil, Guatemala and Peru will join Cuba and Panama on the side of the United States.

The decision of Chile, the first of the American republics to announce her neutrality, caused some surprise among officials here. In many quarters it had been expected that she eventually would break with the Berlin government, but would postpone her decision until advised definitely of the course of Argentina and Brazil, the other members of the influential "A. B. C." group in South America. What effect her stand will have on the smaller nations of the country is a matter of much speculation, particularly as there are indications that Argentina also will take place among the neutrals.

Mexico's decision, on the other hand, caused no surprise and is regarded as certain to have little influence with her sister republics.

Reports that General Carranza was softening to a distinctly pro-American attitude have not been credited by officials here and neither have they believed widely circulated stories that he was preparing to ally himself openly with Germany. Information as to this reached the state department informally yesterday and a proclamation of neutrality is expected after the Mexican Congress meets April 15.

Officials here professed to be ignorant of the purpose of Peru as announced in press reports, in sending a naval officer to Washington. "On a special naval mission," but it was taken as a sign that opinion in that country is crystallizing in favor of belligerency.

Addition advices from Guatemala left little doubt that the proclamation of martial law there was a preliminary to a break with Germany. Under suspension of the civil law the Guatemala government can take drastic steps in controlling what otherwise might be a serious situation presented by the large German population.

It is assumed that as a neutral the Mexican government will take such steps as it is able to protect the oil fields supplying a considerable portion of the fuel used by the British fleet. A great part of

that field is not now within Carranza's control, but Manuel Palaez, the revolutionist, controlling a long strip of territory south of Tampico, has gained the confidence of the oil operators by his policy of guarding the big wells against any aggressions by enemy aliens.

An incident that has caused curiosity and some anxiety at the state department was the taking over by the Mexican government two weeks ago of the British-owned Mexican railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. No explanation has been given, but continued investigation by the department has failed to show any German influence behind the act or any success for the efforts of German agents working to secure the support of the Mexican government.

It is regarded as possible, however, though not probable, that some headway has been made by the German agents with Villa and other revolutionist chiefs yet operating on a scale big enough to make them a menace to Carranza. Increased activity of rebel chiefs, it is realized, might render very difficult Carranza's maintenance of neutrality.

## ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON

Mr. and Mrs. John Nicol delightfully entertained at a luncheon yesterday afternoon at their home on Brougher avenue, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Bailey and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Bayless. Besides the guests of honor, those seated at the luncheon table were Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hasman, Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelz. The dining room and table was artistically decorated in pink and white.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Take notice that in pursuance of an order of the board of County Commissioners of the County of Nye, State of Nevada, made and entered on the 21st day of March, 1917, authorizing and directing the County Treasurer of Nye County, to sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, who must deposit sufficient sum to pay the amount of delinquent tax on the property therein mentioned for the year 1916 for which the County of Nye purchased the same, besides all costs and interest thereon to date, all the right, title and interest of the County of Nye, State of Nevada, of, in and to all the certain described property, formerly assessed to Greater Nevada Mining Company, situated in the Lee Mining District, County of Nye, State of Nevada, Survey No. 2530; Swan Hilda, Swan Hilda No. 1, Swan Hilda No. 2, Swan Hilda No. 3, Swan Hilda No. 4, gasoline engine, galvanized frame and mining equipment.

Now, in pursuance of the foregoing order, I, John Barrier, County Treasurer of the County of Nye, State of Nevada, will on the first day of May, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the court house door in the town of Tonopah, sell as above specified, all the right, title and interest of the County of Nye, State of Nevada, of, in and to all the foregoing mentioned property, and whole thereof upon the terms and conditions mentioned and in accordance with the statutes of the State of Nevada, and in such cases made and provided.

Dated, Tonopah, Nevada, this 21st day of March, 1917.  
JOHN BARRIER, County Treasurer.  
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## STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MANHATTAN GOLD CRATER MINING CO.

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L. L. MUSHETT,  
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## PROHIBITION IN FLORIDA

(By Associated Press.)  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 11.—Both houses of the Florida legislature adopted resolutions for submission in 1919 of a state-wide prohibition amendment.

## CAPTURED LAUNCH AND CREW RELEASED

(By Associated Press.)  
FERNANDIA, Fla., April 11.—The launch Joyous held up by a coast guard cutter, has been released and allowed to proceed. It had been reported she had aboard 2000 gallons of gasoline and a German crew, but nothing irregular was found.

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